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Lava Beds National Monument News Release

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National Park Service Celebrates 98th Birthday!

Lava Beds National Monument Will Offer Free Admission on Monday August 25

TULELAKE, California—Lava Beds National Monument will celebrate the 98th birthday of the National Park Service by waiving its normal entrance fee of \$10 and offering Ranger led programs at 10:00am and 2:00pm on Monday, August 25.

"Birthdays are a time to celebrate and we want everyone to join the party," said Lava Beds National Monument Superintendent Mike Reynolds. "National parks belong to all Americans and offer something for everyone. So come visit Lava Beds National Monument and wander a trail, explore a cave, or walk the sites of the Modoc War."

Rangers will also be available at the Tule Lake Unit of World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument Visitor Center, located at the Tulelake fairgrounds, where they can share the story of Americans of Japanese ancestry forced from their homes into the Tule Lake Segregation Center during World War II.

In 1872, Yellowstone National Park was established as the world's first national park. There were 37 national parks in the United States when President Woodrow Wilson signed legislation to create the National Park Service on August 25, 1916.

Today, there are 401 national parks throughout the country and each one tells an important part of the American story. Some commemorate notable people and achievements, others conserve magnificent landscapes and natural wonders, and all tell the story of America.

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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

The mission of the National Park Service also extends beyond park boundaries. Community partnerships help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. To see what is happening in California, go to www.nps.gov/CA. For Oregon, visit www.nps.gov/OR.

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Lava Beds National Monument, established in 1925, is a land of turmoil, both geologic and historic. Over the last half-million years, volcanic eruptions have created a rugged landscape dotted with diverse volcanic features. Lava tube caves, Native American sites, historic battlefields and a high desert wilderness experience await you!

The Tule Lake Unit of World War II Valor in the Pacific, established in 2008, is a nationally significant site dedicated to telling the story of the cost of war on the home front and the lasting effects of the unjust incarceration of over 18,000 US citizens and long-term residents of Japanese ancestry at the Tule Lake Segregation Center.

For more information about visiting Lava Beds National Monument, call 530-667-8113, email labe_interpretation@nps.gov, or go to www.nps.gov/labe. To contact the Tule Lake Unit, call 530-260-0537, email tule_interpretation@nps.gov or visit www.nps.gov/tule. Also, visit the parks' Facebook and Twitter pages.

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